

## DID DR. HOMES USE IT?

Theory That the Alleged Murderer Used Nitrobenzene.

Bodies Which are Placed in This Deadly Chemical are Completely Dissolved. Instances of Some Notorious Murderers Who Were Scientific Men.

The mystery which surrounds the disappearance of some of the alleged victims of Dr. H. H. Holmes has set a Buffalo chemist to thinking and theorizing, and he has produced a most novel theory regarding the method probably used by Holmes to make away with the bodies of some of his victims after all the little preliminaries in the way of collecting insurance money and the like had been concluded.

Holmes is a man of scientific ideas, a man who has kept abreast with the march of science in all its branches, and who has been apparently something of a pioneer in research himself. This is shown by the discovery in his Chicago "castle" of a most mysterious fluid, composed principally of petroleum, which, when an acid was added, threw off a gas which caused death in a short time. That much has been discovered. What the acid was remains to be learned.

This Buffalo chemist, who seems to have been devoting considerable time to the matter, has worked out a theory that Holmes may have used a preparation known as nitrobenzene for the removal of his victims after he had used them for whatever purpose he had in view.

The great study of criminals when they have committed a murder is the disposal of the body of their victim, and, strange as it may seem, the most educated men, the most scientific, the most studied thinkers as well as the uneducated and the heavy brained, all commit the fatal error of a too great caution.

There was the Parkman-Webster murder, one of the most celebrated in the history of killing in this country. Professor Webster, the demonstrator of anatomy at Harvard college, killed Parkman. The professor had handled hundreds of cadavers in his time and was thoroughly familiar with the disposal of the remains of bodies after they left the dissecting room. Yet, with all his wonderful mind and the opportunities at his command for the disposal of a body without suspicion, he attempted to burn Parkman's remains and was caught.

Every one who reads the newspapers at all must remember the great career of the murderer of Dr. Cronin to prevent discovery of their crime, and so with the murderer of Unger, in New York, some years ago—the man who killed his friend, August Bolter, and shipped his body to Baltimore in a trunk. To prevent identification he cut off the victim's head and threw it into the East river as he crossed one night with the trunk. Yet in the forethought which he exercised—and he spent two days figuring out his plans for disposing of the body with certain safety to himself—he overlooked a mark of positive identification, a crooked little finger and a most peculiar scar at the joint. That identified the body, and Unger is now serving a 20 years' sentence. He would have been hanged if the head could have been found. Had he cut off the little finger and disposed of it he would be a free man today.

Holmes seems to have been more successful, for up to the present time there does not seem to be, judging from what has been published, very much direct evidence against him in any of the cases. True, bones have been found in his house, but he has a defense for that condition of affairs in the fact that he was a medical man and had the bones for study. And through all his case the question stands out clear and distinct, "What became of the bodies?"

This may be a solution of the question—this theory of the chemist referred to above.

Some time ago in Mulhausen, Alsace, there was an explosion in a chemical factory in a room where there was stored a quantity of what is known as nitrobenzene. There were several men employed in the room, and all escaped but one. The nitrobenzene of course flooded the place, and when the fire was put out and search made for the body of the man the mixture was several feet deep on the floor. It was thought the workman had escaped, for no trace of him could be found until a part of one foot was found at the edge of a pool of the nitrobenzene.

That set the chemists to thinking, and they experimented with the bodies of animals, with the result that it was found the stuff destroyed every particle of the body, blood, bones, flesh and teeth. Further experiments showed that metal even would be destroyed by the nitrobenzene, so that the body of a human being, fully dressed, if placed in the chemical, would be totally obliterated within a few hours, not the slightest trace of even so much as a button remaining.

What would be easier than to place the body of a victim in a bathtub, and when the action had taken place to pull out the plug? A clear fluid would flow away with it all the traces of a crime. This, then, is the theory—that Holmes may have used this chemical in his work in some cases. It seems probable, for so far as can be learned not the slightest trace of any of his alleged

victims remains; not even their bones have been found.

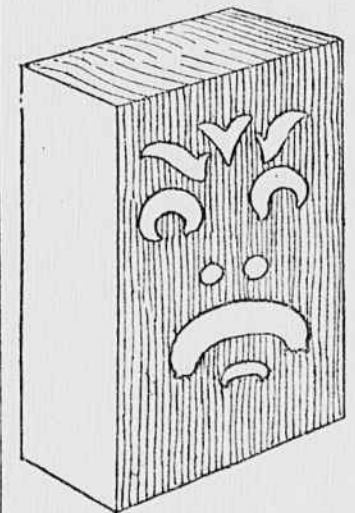
There is one safeguard around the use of this chemical as a common aid to covering up crime, and that is that a person unacquainted with its use, manufacture and handling would be very likely to go into space himself before he got a chance to place his victim's body in it, for it is a most treacherous compound and much given to exploding on the slightest provocation.—Buffalo News.

### NOVELTIES IN LANTERNS.

Some New Box Designs Which Any Boy Can Easily Make.

The Chinese feast of lanterns does not take place until September, at the time of the harvest moon, but it is not saying much for an American boy that he can get ahead of a Chinaman. So it happens that grocers and tobacconists are now besieged for cigar boxes, and the demand for tissue paper has already produced a scarcity of desirable colors in the market.

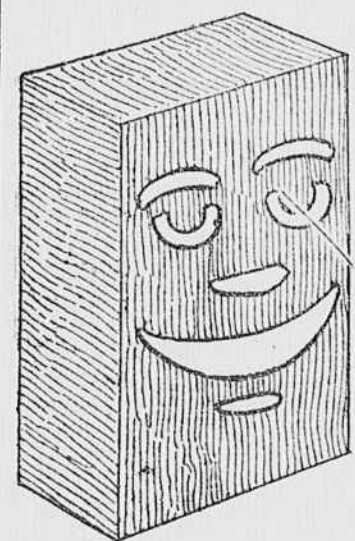
Last year a boy in the eastern district excited the admiration of his fellows by making a lantern of a large gourd which



grew in his back yard. The idea was not new, as any boy who has been in the country could testify, though pumpkins or squash are the vegetables generally employed. However, this gourd was especially effective by reason of the beautiful markings, the green showing in dark lines against the clear yellow. By means of a small wax candle such as is sold for Christmas trees, the gourd lasted several nights without withering.

But most city children must be content with box lanterns. By taking two cigar boxes, the size which holds 50 cigars, opening the lids and forming a cube, a lantern double the ordinary size may be made. Of course it will be necessary to cut a board for the top and base, the former having a circular or square hole for air. Four such boxes will make a handsome cross lantern. Take the lids off and turn the boxes so that they open inside the figure. The lids will supply boards for the top and base.

For a gourd lantern the best ornamentation is a face, and by cutting the rind very thin in some places and leaving it thick in others excellent effects may be made with light and shadow. With box lanterns the idea of a stencil should be employed. Mark the figure you wish to have. The best way is to draw it on paper and paste the drawing



on the wood. Then cut the lines in dashes not entirely out. Circles are pretty for corner ornaments. These are easily made by using a coin for drawing the ring, turning a hole in the center and enlarging it with a penknife.

The designs here given are some which The Eagle artist has drawn expressly. They are simple and effective.—Brooklyn Eagle.

### Woman's Position.

Woman has long had the right to pay a penalty for her own misdeeds. She is not represented by men on those occasions. A woman standing in debt before a jury and a judge is an individual to answer for individual misconduct. Men have no desire to represent her then.—Lady Somerset.

### Its Chance For Usefulness.

It has been found that molasses mixed with sand makes a better pavement than asphalt. The popularity of this new paving material, however, will depend on the amount of sugar there is in it for

### How to Treat a Sprain.

The very first item in the treatment of a sprain is perfect rest of the limb until a surgeon can be summoned. Reduce the swelling by applications of hot fomentations, as hot as can be endured. Change as often as once in three hours. If a piece of rubber cloth be not at hand, use common newspaper. Wind it on carefully outside the hot cloth. This will prevent the escape of the steam and keep the cloth from cooling. A good way to prevent the hands from being scalded is to place the hot, dripping flannel in a towel; then, taking hold of each end of the towel, wring it until the flannel is dry enough to apply. Avoid violent movements of the joint for some weeks after the injury. If the joint become stiff, move it gently each day; also rub gently with some stimulating lotion, such as ammonia liniment. In some cases serious disease of the bone may follow. This is the result of the original accident and cannot be averted by treatment. In any case, however slight, it pays to keep perfectly still until the injury is repaired.

### How to Use a Toothbrush.

Don't use a stiff brush. Hard, wiry bristles make the gums sore and cause them to recede. A small brush, with a smooth back, slightly concave handle and medium bristles of uneven lengths, is the best for cleaning purposes. As a matter of fact, too much importance is attached to the value of the toothbrush. The main thing is to dislodge the small particles of food from the teeth. For this purpose two things are indispensable—a thread and toothpick. That done, rinsing the mouth is all that is needed. Dental floss is a flat thread easier to pass between the teeth than twist and less liable to cut the gums. Wood or straw toothpicks only are used.

### How to Stain a Floor.

Take one third turpentine and two-thirds boiled linseed oil, with a little Japanese dryer added. Buy a can of burned sienna and blend it thoroughly with this mixture. This gives a rich reddish brown. Mix the paint quite thin, so that it will run readily. Lay it on with a good sized brush, stroking the brush the way of the grain of the wood. Put on several coats, allowing each one to become perfectly dry. Lastly, give the floor a good coat of varnish, and when thoroughly dry it will be found as satisfactory as a stained floor can be and easily kept clean.

### How to Make Pineapple Pudding.

Pare and cut into slices, half inch thick, a nice pineapple. Cut these slices into tiny rounds and line a small round mold, bottom and sides. Put into saucepan a quarter pound of butter, same of sugar and rice flour. Work together and add a half pint of hot milk. Stir till boiling and stand aside to cool. When cold, add first the yolk of 3 eggs, and when well mixed stir in carefully the whites, well beaten. Turn this mixture into the mold and steam one hour. Serve with a liquid pudding sauce.

### How to Destroy Mosquitoes.

"Insect Life," a late publication from the government printing office at Washington, gives the results of some experiments in New Jersey to obtain relief from mosquitoes. Sprinkling petroleum or kerosene on the surface of ponds in which the mosquitoes breed has been found effective. A film of oil on the surface of the water destroys the larvae that are ready to emerge and also any female mosquitoes that may alight to deposit their eggs.

"There is so much that is unpleasant in divorce suits that a woman really needs another woman around to protect her," says Mrs. Foltz, the San Francisco lawyer, who has just won a divorce suit for one of her female clients.



### HEART DISEASE 30 YEARS!

#### Short Breath, Palpitation.

Mr. G. W. McKinsey, postmaster of Kokomo, Ind., and a brave ex-soldier, says: "I had been severely troubled with heart disease ever since leaving the army at the close of the late war. I was troubled with palpitation and shortness of breath. I could not sleep on my left side and had pain around my heart. I became so ill that I was much alarmed, and fortunately my attention was called to

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### Special Bargains in Clothing.

In order to make room for the approaching Fall Season, we have divided our Light Colored Suits into three lots and fixed the prices at \$6, \$7.50 and \$9 per suit. The regular prices of these goods were \$10, \$12.50 and \$15, and there is not a suit among the whole lot that did not cost from 10 to 25 per cent. more than the present selling price.

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### AUCTION SALES—FUTURE DAY

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF MACHINE SHOP, CUPOLA, TOOLS, ETC. By virtue of the provisions contained in a certain deed of trust, dated the 1st day of January, 1894, executed by the Southern Machinery Company to me as trustee, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Norfolk county, Va., and at the request of the creditors therein, I shall offer for sale at public auction, at 1 o'clock P. M., on the 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1895, at the intersection of Second, Third and Jefferson streets, South Norfolk, Norfolk county, Va., the following property conveyed to me by said deed, to-wit:

One CUPOLA, with flange. One SAW LATHE, with counter shaft and belt. One IRON WHEELBARROW. One KETCH CUTTING MACHINE with eight cutters and driving belt. One DRILL GRINDER. One POWER HACK SAW, with stand. One 4,000 POUND CHAIN HOIST. One 2,000 POUND CHAIN HOIST. One ANGLE TABLE for drill press. Four HENCH VICES. One PIPE VICE. One DRILL CHUCK. Two RAY-KIT DRILLS. MACHINERY PATENTERS numbered from 152 to 292 inclusive, and numerous other similar patterns, and various other tools such as appear on a complete list of machine shop and mentioned and described in said deed of trust. Finally, all the property in said deed is conveyed and not herebefore conveyed by me.

TERMS OF SALE CASH. 4-4-101

T. H. SYNON, Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF SAW AND GRIST MILL, WITH TEAMS AND TOOLS.

By virtue of a deed of trust dated October 10th, 1894, and by request of the party thereby secured, I will sell at public auction, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of September, 1895, at 12 M., at the rooms of the Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, Norfolk, Va., all of THE CHATEL PROPERTY conveyed by said deed of trust, viz: One Saw Mill, and Carriage, one thirty inch Grist Mill, a Saw Shaft, a Pulley, a Belt and a Treadle in the said Mill, which is located near the old bridge in Norfolk county, Va., also two pairs of S. ers and carriage, and a lot of twenty-one Running Chains and two hundred logs. Terms CASH.

W. M. H. COLLINS, Trustee.

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